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SUBJECT: MBFR DEGOTIATIONS: AD HOC GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 10

VIENNA FOR US MBFR DELEGATION

BEGIN SUMMARY: AD HOC GROUP DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY OF HAVING ALPHABETICAL SEQUENCE OF SPEACKERS IN FIRST PLENARY. GROUP REVIEWED DUTCH AND DAISH OPENING STATEMENTS AND BEGAN DISCUSSION OF US PRESS POLICY PAPER. US DEP REP CIRCULATED PAPER ON SOVIET TACTICS FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. FIRST PLENARY: US DEP REP NOTED THAT AD HOC GROUP'S PREVIOUS DISCUSSION OF FIRST PLEANARY SESSION HAD NOT ADDRESSED SEQUENCE OF SPEAKERS. ALL MEMBERS

OF GROUP AGREED THAT IF AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MISISTER IS TO ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE, HE SHOULD BE THE FIRST SPEAKER IN A SESSION OPEN TO PRESS AND TV COVERAGE. US DEP REP AND UK REP (ROSE) AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPROTANT THAT COLSED SESSION IN WHICH CONVERENCE WOULD GET DOWN TO WORK BY HEARING OPENING STATEMENTS FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY. US DEP REP PROPOSED THAT
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TIME FOR FIRST PLENARY BE MOVED UP TO 10:30 TO ALLOW FOR SOME OPENING STATEMENTS ON FIRST DAY.

2. US DEP REP RECALLED THAT ROMANIAN REP HAD OBJECTED

IN PREPARATORY TALKS TO ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SPEAKERS ASKING INSTEAD FOR AN INSCRIPTION SYSTEM. US DEP REP POINTED OUT DISADVANTAGES OF INSCRIPTION WHICH WOULD MAKE TOO MUCH OF A POINT OF SEQUENCE OF SPEAKERS. GROUP AGREED AND SEVERAL SPEAKERS NOTED THAT ALPHABETICAL ORDER HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF GIVING WESTERN SIDE THE LAST WORK. GROUP DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ROMANIA INSCRIBED FIRST AND ALL OTHER DELEGATES INSCRIBED IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OR POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ROMANIANS DRAW LOTS FOR PLACE IN OTHERWISE ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF SPEAKERS.

3. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) NOTED THAT ROMANIAN OBJECTIONS HAD BEEN TO A SEQUENCE WHICH HAD BEEN DETERMINED BY OTHERS, I.E., IMPLYING TO ROMANIANS GREAT POWER DOMINATION OF THE CONFERENCE. GROUP AGREED THAT BELGIAN REP SHOULD APPROACH POLISH REP WITH IDEA OF ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SPEAKERS AND THAT AT THE SAME TIME HE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE ROMANIAN REP AND SEE IF THE ROMANIAN COULD AGREE.

4. NETHERLANDS STATEMENT: GROUP REVIEWED NETHERLANDS OPENING STATEMENT. BELGIAN REP NOTED USE "ARRIVE AT A MORE STABLE MILITARY BALANCE WAS MORE FELICITOUS THAN ONES ABOUT BALANCE APPEARING IN PAPERS REVIEWED IN PREVIOUS MEETING. US DEP REP SAID PAPER WAS A GOOD ONE AND OBSERVED THAT IT BEGAN TO GET INTO THE SUBJECT MATTER BY MENTIONING GROUP'S FORCES SPECIFICALLY. NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) DELETED A PHRASE WHICH IMPLIED GREAT ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM MBFR. TEXT AS PROVISIONALLY APPROVED BY AD HOC GROUP SEPTEL.

5. DANISH STATEMENT: ON DANISH OPENING STATEMENT, US REP PROPOSED DELETION OF WORD "THREATENING". HE EXPLAINED THAT THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATION IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REFER TO FORCE ELEMENTS WHICH THE WEST
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REGARDS AS THREATENING. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR CONFERENCE TO AGREE THAT DELEGATES WOULD NOT DISCUSS PUTATIVE INTENTIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS. HE NOTED THAT IN US PAPERS PHRASE OF ART "FORCE POSTURE WHICH CAUSES US CONCERN / HAD BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR THREATENING IN MANY CASES. US DEP REP INDICATED THAT SUCH TERMS WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO PRODUCE FRICITION WITH THE EAST THAN WORD "THREATENING," AND THUS BE CONDUCIVE TO NEGOTIATION. DANISH REP (TILLISCH) AGREED WITH GENERAL POINT TO DELETE WORD. GREEK AND ITALIAN TEXTS (USNATO 4808 AND 4811) WERE DISCUSSED AND MODIFIED SLIGHTLY.

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6. MILITARY REPRESENTATION: UK REP RAISED THE QUESTION OF HOW REPRESENTATIVES OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD PROVIDE ADVICE TO VIENNA NEGOTIATOR AND HOW THEY WOULD REPORT. WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST POINT, FOR THE RECORD UK REP PROPOSED THAT PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN THE ADHOC GROUP DURING THE PREPARATORY TALKS BE CONTINUED, THAT IS BY HAVING REPRESENTATIVE OF IMS AND SHAPE PARTICIPATE IN AD HOC GROUP. ON THE MATTER OF HOW REPRESENTATIVES OF MILITARY AUTHORITIES MIGHT REPORT TO THOSE AUTHORITIES, UK REP RECOGNIZED THAT THIS POINT HAD BEEN THE REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL THAT NATO MILITARY REPS ATTEND CONFERENCE SESSIONS. UK REP FELT THAT, IN GENERAL, DISCUSSION OF MILITARY MATTERS SHOULD OCCUR IN AD HOC GROUP AND THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD KEEP THEM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AT CONFERENCE. HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE SPECIFIC POINTS IN THE FUTURE WHERE MILITARY ADVICE WAS NEEDED AND WHERE IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE MILITARY ADVISERS TO DELEGATION SIT IN A GROUP WITH IMS AND SHAPE REPRESENTATIVES. HE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARY TO PLAN FOR SUCH A MILITARY EXPERTS GROUP AT THIS TIME.

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7. BELGIAN REP OBSERVED THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE AD HOC GROUP HAD BEEN DECIDED BY THE COUNCIL AND THAT DELEGATIONS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AT SACEUR WERE BY DEFINITION MEMBERS. HE NOTED THAT THEY HAD

AVAILABLE THEIR OWN COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES FOR REPORTING TO BRUSSELS. HE OBSERVED THAT THE PROBLEM OF INFORMING MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ALSO APPLIED TO PORTUGAL. HE URGED THAT MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE A HABIT OF INFORMING THEM ALL. BELGIAN REP AGREED WITH UK THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A FORMAL MILITARY GROUP.

8. US DEP REP NOTED THAT ASIDE FROM ISSUE OF PRINCIPLE WHICH HE DID NOT WISH TO ADDRESS, A PRACTICAL POINT HAD ARISEN AND SUGGESTED THAT UNTIL POINT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL, AD HOC GROUP WOULD HAVE TO WORK OUT AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO BE SURE THAT IS, IMS, SHAPE AND PORTUGUESE REPS WERE INFORMED OF PLENARY SESSIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WEEK MIGHT BE DESIGNATED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH REPORTS. CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR A MILITARY SUBGROUP AT THIS TIME.

9 PRESS POLICY:AD HOC GROUP BEGAN DISCUSSION OF US PAPER ON PRESS POLICY. UK REP OBJECTED TO SUBPARA 2 OF SECTION IV, QUESTIONING WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET THE EAST TO AGREE TO A RULE OF PRIVACY WHICH CONTAINED LOOPHOLES FOR THE WEST. US DEP REP EXPLAINED THAT PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL WAS TO TELL THE EAST THAT WE INTENDED TO BACKGROUND ONVARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT AND THAT THE HEART OF THE MATTER WAS IN THE SENTENCE IN WHICH THE PRIVACY RULE WAS APPLIED TO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS OR COUNTERPROPOSALS UNDER DISCUSSION. THE INTENT OF THE PAPER WAS NOT TO PROPOSE AN AGREEMENT IN DETAIL ON WHAT WOULD OR WOULD NOT BE BACKGROUNDED. DUTCH REP AGREED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR WEST TO BE FREE TO STATE ITS CASE AND AT THE SAME TIME TO AVOID ACCUSATIONS OF BAD FAITH OVER PRESS BACKGROUNDING. US REP AGREED TO TRY TO RECAST LAST
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10. US REP CIRCULATED PAPER ON SOVIET TACTICS FOR DISCUSSION AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.
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